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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Serial No.: 09/816,124
Filed: March 26, 2001
For: Method for Detecting and Isolating Genes
Inventor(s): Nagasawa et al.
Attorney Docket No.: 4001-0001C

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1. Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (5 pages);
2. Amended Figures 3 and 9 (2 pages); and
3. One (1) Return Postcard.

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated June 30, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0662.

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